

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING**

March 7, 2019

Gambling Control Board Conference Room

Department of Public Safety

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Michael Timmons, Chair
- 2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Review and Approval of Decision and Orders**
- 3. Department Request for Commission Authorization to Expend Funds on Marketing for the 2019 Race Season.** The Commission authorized the Department to expend marketing funds during the 2017 and 2018 racing seasons. There is optimism that the recent marketing efforts are beginning to pay dividends. Maine's wagering handle was up in 2018 for the first time since 2004, and there was evidence that new fans have begun to show up at the track. The Department will present a proposed budget for marketing in 2019 that seeks to increase marketing expenditures in an effort to build on the progress made to date and grow the industry.
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Schedule of Future Meetings:**
- 7. Adjourn**